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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1.-32. (Cancelled).

33. (**Currently Amended**) A method of introducing a calcium phosphate cement composition into a target bone site, said method comprising:

positioning a hardware device at said target bone site; and

delivering said calcium phosphate cement composition to said target bone site to produce a composite fixation structure of said hardware device and said cement at said target site, wherein said cement is vibrated as it is delivered to said target bone site in a manner such that penetration of said cement into said target bone site stops substantially simultaneously with cessation of vibration.

- 34. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said cement is vibrated by applying a vibratory force to said cement.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said cement is vibrated by applying a vibratory force to a cement composition introduction element of a delivery device for said cement.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said cement is vibrated by applying a vibratory force to said hardware device during said delivering.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said target bone site is part of a reduced fracture.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said target bone site comprises cancellous bone.

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39. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said cement is vibrated at a frequency ranging from about 0.1 to about 100,000 Hz.

40. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said **cement** is vibrated in a manner that provides for controlled penetration of said cement composition into said target bone without use of substantial pressure.

41. (Cancelled)

- 42. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said hardware device is a plate.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said hardware device is wire.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said hardware device is a screw.
- 45. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 44, wherein said screw is a cannulated screw.
- 46. (Cancelled)
- 47. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said cement composition is prepared in conjunction with vibration.
- 48. (**Currently Amended**) A kit for using a bone defect filling cement, said kit comprising:
 - (a) a cement composition introduction element;
 - (b) a vibratory element having a holder for said cement introduction element; and
 - (c) an implantable hardware device, wherein said hardware device is a

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plate, a wire, or a screw.

49. (Previously Presented) The kit according to Claim 48, wherein said kit further comprises a cement composition.

- 50. (Currently Amended) The kit according to Claim [[48]] 49, wherein said hardware device is a plate cement composition comprises a calcium phosphate cement.
- 51.-52. (**Cancelled**)
- 53. (**Currently Amended**) The kit according to Claim [[52]] 48, wherein said screw is a cannulated screw.
- 54. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 45, wherein said cement is introduced through said screw.